

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
January 22, 2024

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on January 22, 2024 at 3:30 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jon Haney. Commissioner Dianna Shillo and Secretary Deanna Ross were absent. There were no members of the public present.

Chair Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook and Mr. McCall reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Medical Fare Abatement** - Discussion ensued regarding the current policy. The BOC has asked management to address any medical fare abatement requests for any medical therapies, including mental health and to keep names anonymous. Mr. McCall will work on a one page post that will explain the policy and post at the doctors office.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The Crew has been working on some maintenance items on the Race Point. Munnatawket was delivered to the shipyard on January 9, 2024. The USCG inspection occurred last Friday, January 12, 2024. There were 5 items on the work list. 2 items were for steel work. Mr. Haney felt the inspection went really well. The old generators were being prepared to come out of the boat. The new engines are at the facility and overall they are making good progress on the boat. The boat is scheduled to come back February 23, 2024. Mr. Haney will be visiting the shipyard tomorrow and will have more information to share after the visit. Mr. Haney commends the crew for a great job that they all did with the recent inclement weather and high waters. Mr. Cook reported that the permits are in place for replacing the corner ramp at the Fishers Island terminal.

## **Warrant**

### **RESOLUTION 2024 –011**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated January 22, 2024 in the amount of \$274,917.37.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

## **BUDGET MODIFICATION**

### **RESOLUTION 2024-012**

**01.22.2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
January 22, 2024

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2023** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

**Increase Appropriations:**

SM5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 25,000
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities: NL	\$ 3,000
SM5710.4.000.600	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,000</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5709.2.000.200	Repairs: Docks & Terminals	\$ 29,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,000</b>

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel  
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays:

**Equipment Transfer**

**RESOLUTION 2024 -013**

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District owns a Caterpillar 430EIT backhoe VIN # ODDT00353 and:

WHEREAS, the backhoe is no longer needed by the Ferry District:

THEREFORE. The Fishers Island Ferry District agrees to transfer ownership of backhoe to the Town of Southold Highway Department at no cost.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2024-014**

WHEREAS the Ferry District has a great need for on-island freight and ticket agents; and

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
January 22, 2024

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint Erick Gomez a full-time Freight Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour with effect February 20, 2024, subject to a positive review by Civil Service.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**HR Termination**

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 015**

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 2, 2024, Employees #25925, #39754 and #80590 are terminated.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Legal**

**Junk Car Removal**

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 016**

Whereas Fishers Island has junked vehicles that need to be removed from the island; and

Whereas the Ferry District is offering a temporary fare abatement of 100% which is good through March 15, 2024 to transport by truck the vehicles to its New London, CT terminal for disposal by other parties; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED with effect January 31, 2024 to set a temporary price of \$0 to move a minimum of one vehicles by truck transportation to New London, CT for disposal; and

It is further RESOLVED that this fare abatement will terminate at the end of the day March 15, 2024.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Light Pole Decision** - Mr. Cook shared four lighting styles to replace the Fishers Island Terminal dock lights. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cook reported that the lights will cost \$12,000 for five lights. Mr. Cook will get more information regarding lumens, etc. before a decision is made.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
January 22, 2024

**FI School Request** - Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Jim Eagan talked to him and was asking if a decision was made regarding any discount that the Ferry could provide with regards to the FI School renovation project. The BOC feels this would set a precedent and is not willing to provide a discount but would be willing to work out a situation where funds could be borrowed then paid back. A letter will be sent to Mr. Eagan.

**FI Ferry House Update** - Mr. McCall reported that renovations are going well. Bathrooms are being tiled and the new kitchen cabinets have been installed. New appliances have been ordered. An RFP for interior painting has been sent out and due back at the end of January. The basement laundry/bathroom is going to be fixed up for a change order price of \$5,000. Mr. McCall reported that the project is scheduled to be completed on time.

### **Executive Session**

At 16:08 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner T. Cashel  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel and J. Reid  
Nays: None

At 16:38 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel and J. Reid  
Nays: None

**Next BOC Meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:30 AM, at the Fishers Island Ferry Office and via Zoom.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.